step 1

glue

toothpick

X-Acto knife

transparant sheet

rubber cutting mat

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parts printed on thicker paper (I use 200 gsm)

Blue Moon Recon

Armed only with a Machine Gun, the usefulness of Recon units in the 2001 Game Boy Advance turnbased strategy game Advance Wars depends on how you use them.

In Fog of War missions, they're obviously the best choice to scout the areas ahead. A good tactic is to "hop" from forest to forest to keep them hidden from the enemy, because although they're cheap to build, they're also very valuable...

game site: http://www.advancewars.com/

7.

8.

12.

13.

9.

10.

6. windshield template

11.

1. glue part 2 here

2.

3.

4. glue to 1

2x 5.

dashed line : mountain fold

dotted line : valley fold

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All you need to build a Blue Moon Recon, are the parts (preferably printed on thicker paper) and some basic tools.

step 2

Cut out the hole for the windshield on part 1, and glue together the front as shown here.

glue part 2 here

step 3

part 2

part 3

1x part 5

1x part 5

part 4

Cut out parts 2-5, to glue them to part 1. Parts 4 and 5 need to be folded double first, and there are some holes to cut out on part 3 first.

step 4

windshield template

The transparant windshield is optional, but you can use any kind of transparant sheet you want. Just trace the rectangle for size...
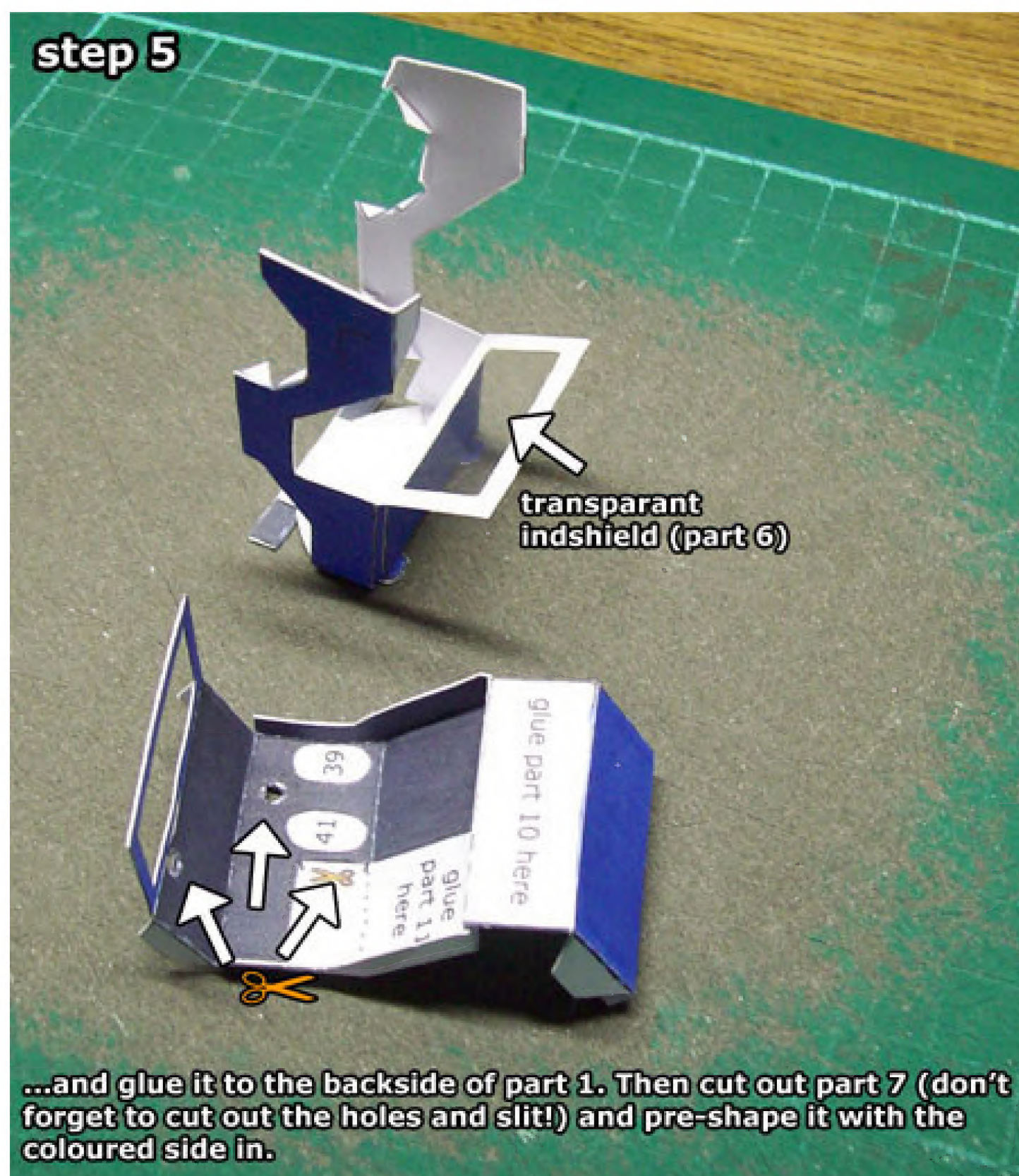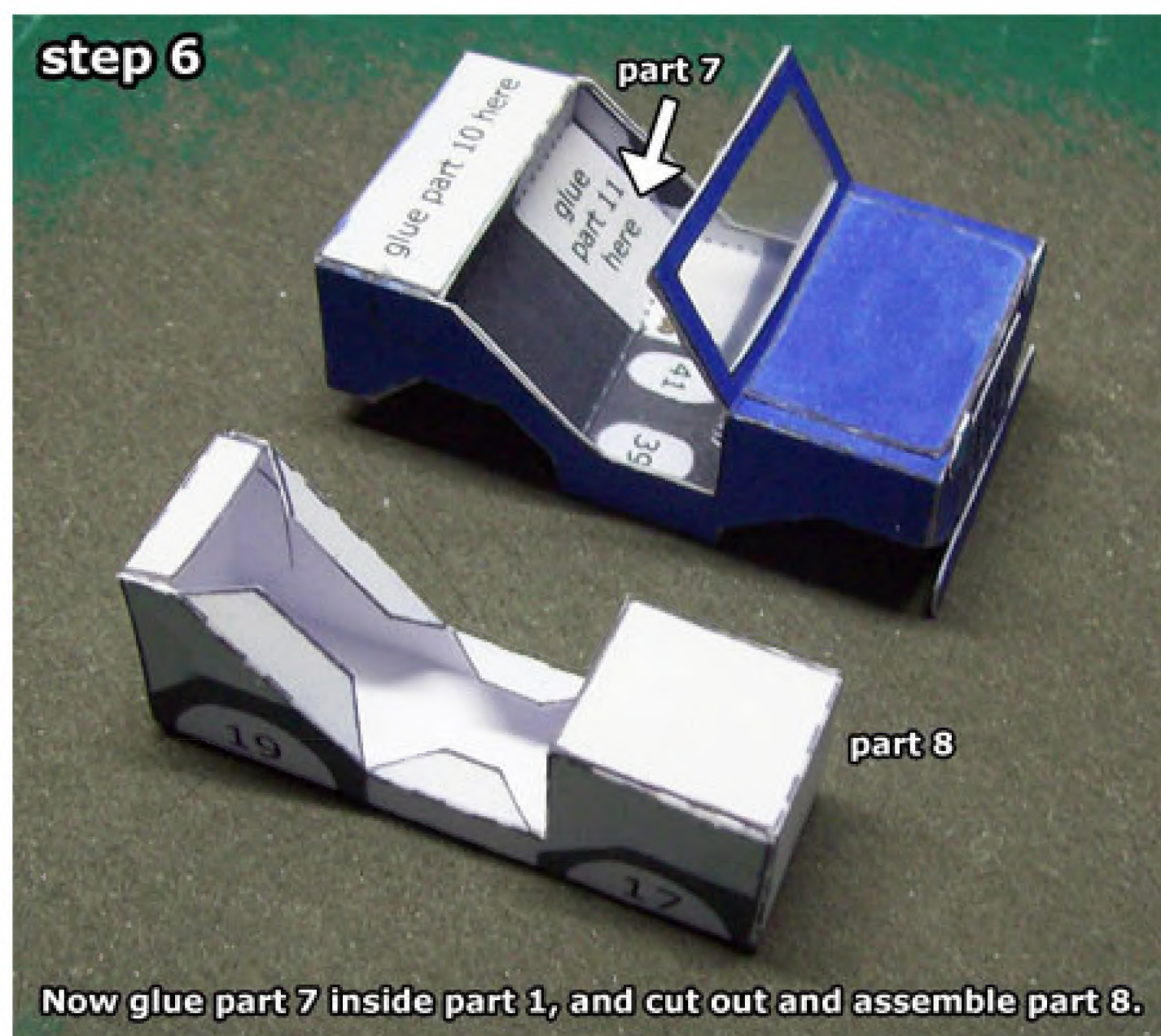
step 5

transparant windshield (part 6)

...and glue it to the backside of part 1. Then cut out part 7 (don't forget to cut out the holes and slit!) and pre-shape it with the coloured side in.
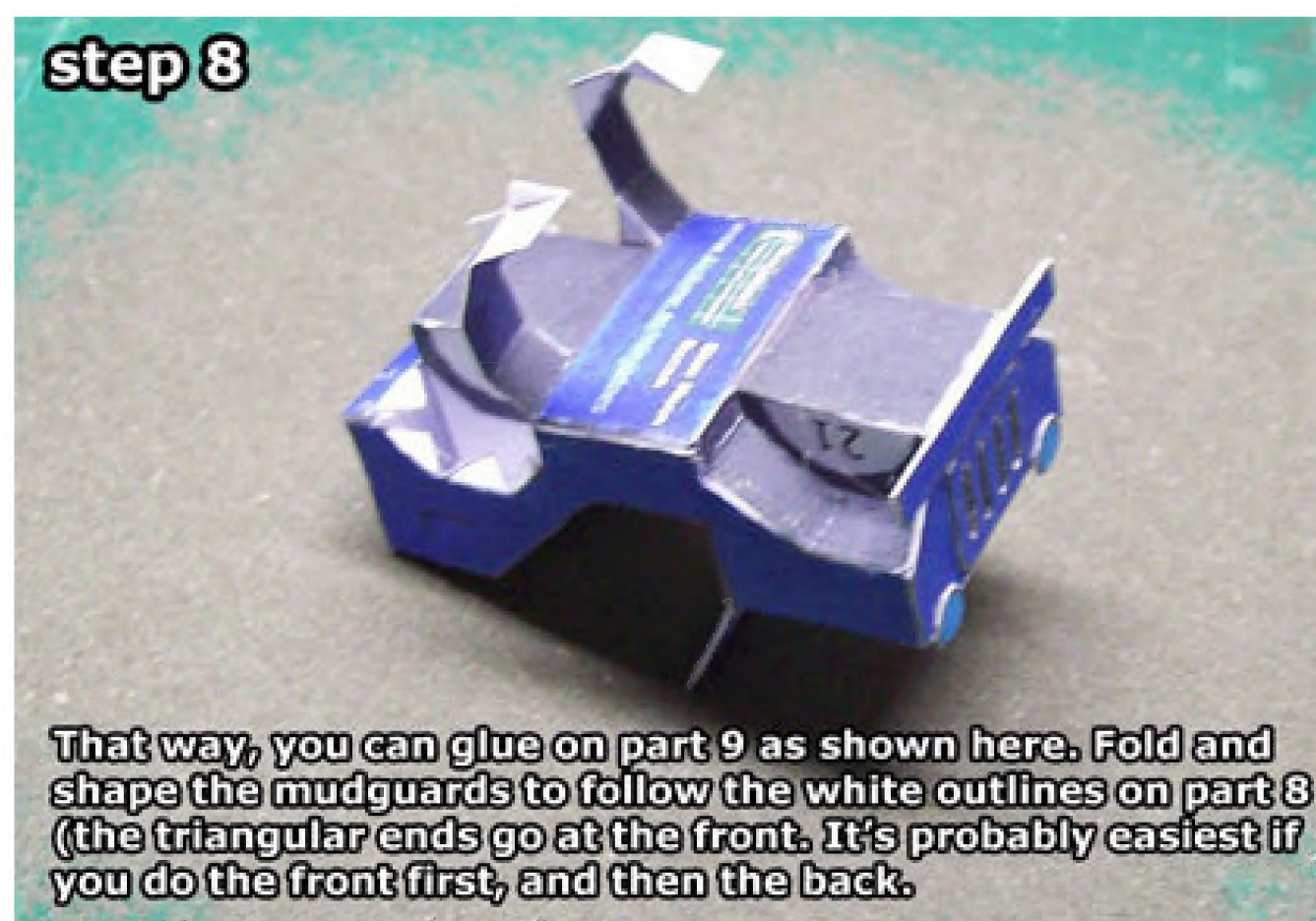
step 6

part 7

glue part 10 here

glue part 11 here

part 8

Now glue part 7 inside part 1, and cut out and assemble part 8.

step 7

Then glue part 8 underneath part 1. Make sure it's in the center.

step 8

That way, you can glue on part 9 as shown here. Fold and shape the mudguards to follow the white outlines on part 8 (the triangular ends go at the front. It's probably easiest if you do the front first, and then the back.

step 9

You should end up with something looking a lot like this. ;o)

step 10

part 10

glue part 11 here

part 11

Glue on part 10 as shown here, and then cut out and assemble part 11. The glueing tab on the right side of the seat shouldn't be folded...

step 11

part 13

part 12

...because you need to slip it through the slit you made on part 7 earlier. Then part 12 needs to be folded double again, and part 13 needs to be rolled up tight into a cylinder as shown here.

step 12

glue part 13
inside the hole

Push the white end of part 13 into the hole in front of the seat you made earlier, and then glue part 12 on top of the other end (the jeep will become very cramped for space when you put in the little soldiers later, so try to point the steering wheel as high and as close to the windshield as you can)

step 13

part 15
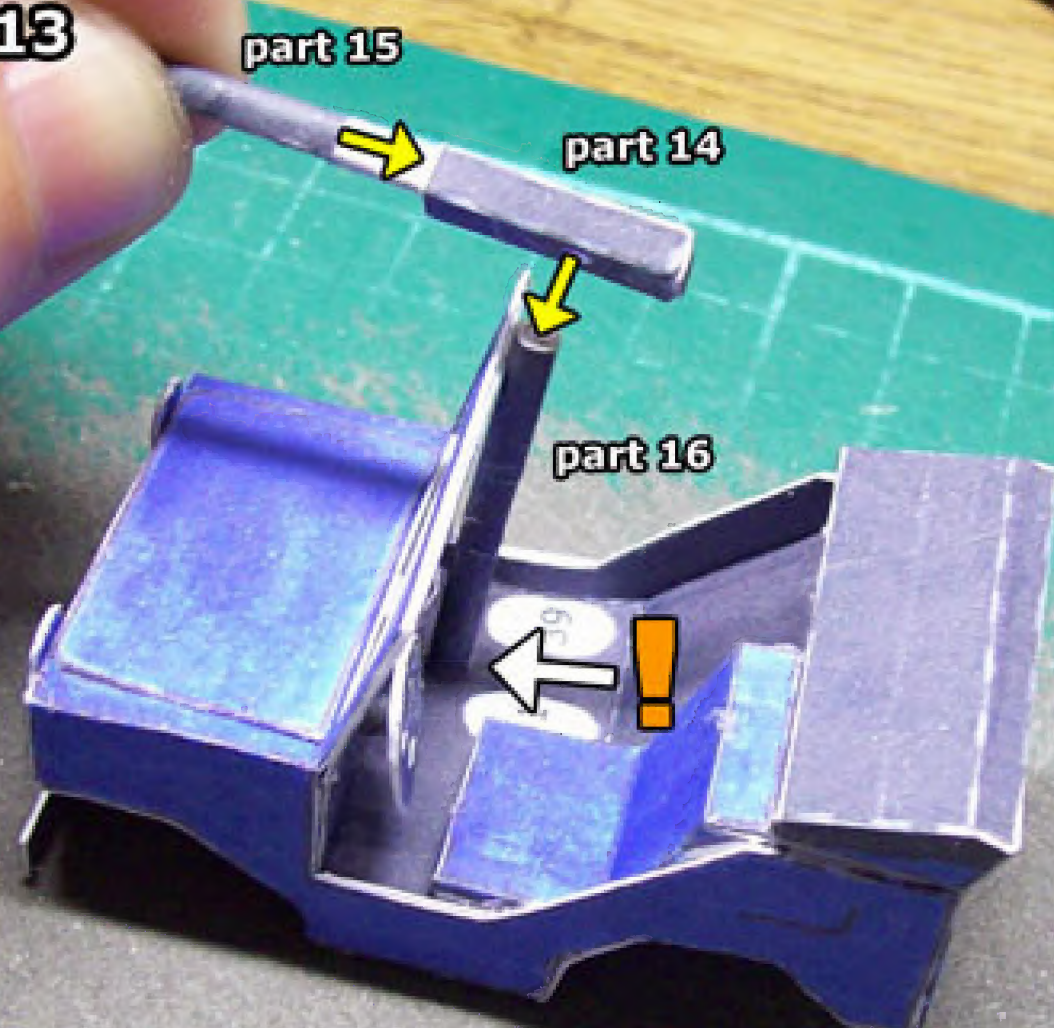
part 14

part 16

Now you need to glue part 14 into a small box with one open end, and parts 14 and 15 need to be rolled up as tight as possible again. Part 15 slides into the open end of part 14, and part 14 glues on top of part 16 (which gets glued into the small hole on part 7).
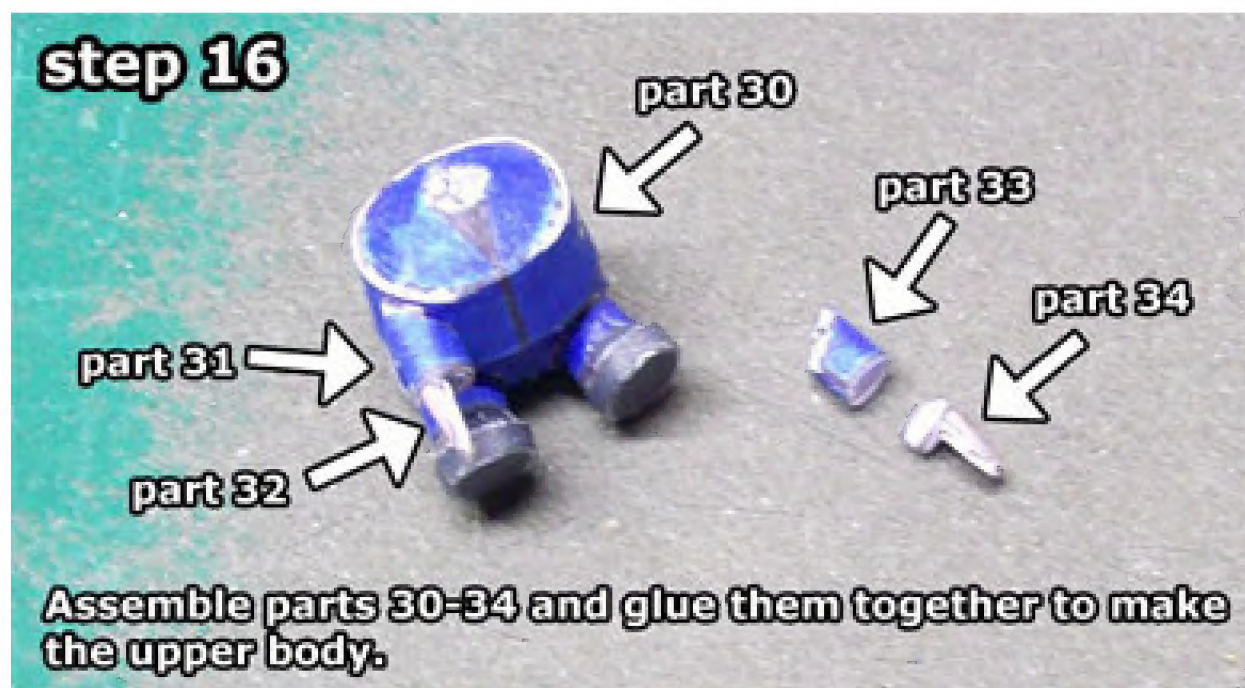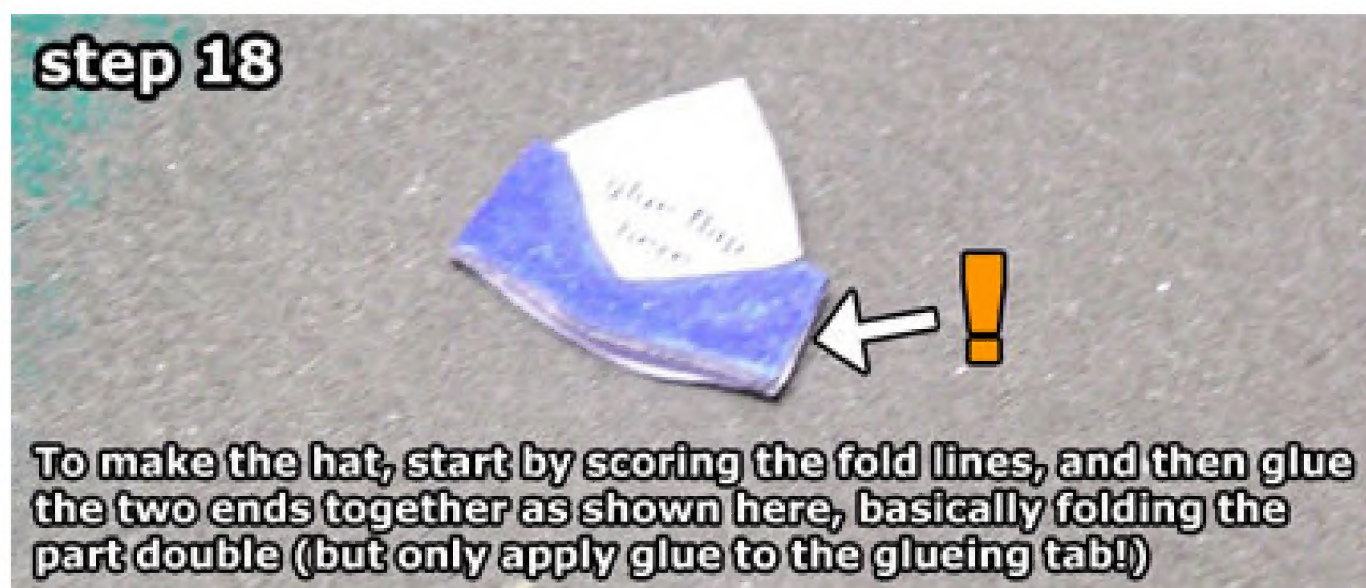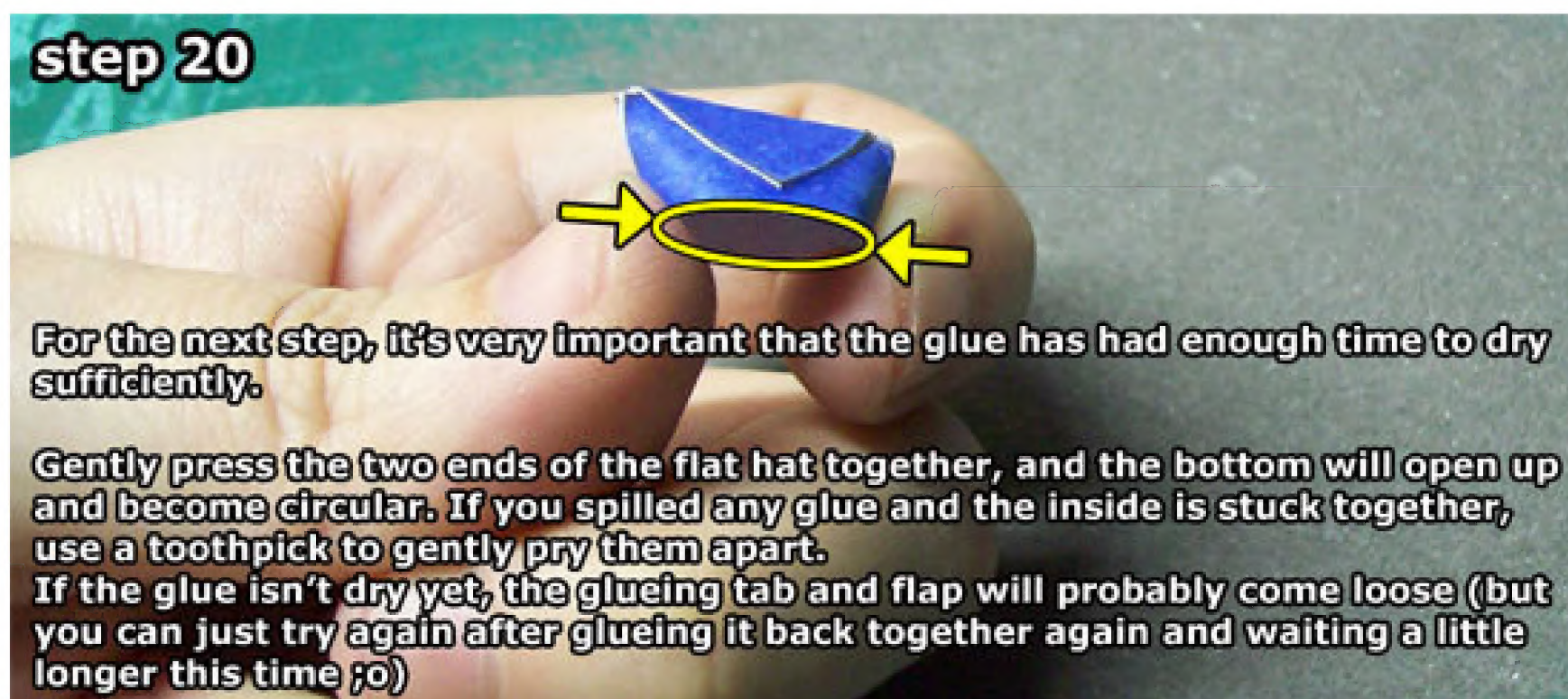
step 14

parts 19+20 →

parts 17+18 →

part 24

part 23

part 22

part 21

Now assemble and glue on the four wheels (parts 17-24) like so.

step 15

part 26

part 27

part 25

part 28

part 29

To build the driver, start with parts 25-29.

step 16

part 30

part 33

part 34

part 31

part 32

Assemble parts 30-34 and glue them together to make the upper body.

step 17

After assembling part 35, glue it on top of the torso (it's the head, and that's where heads go).

step 18

glue tab here

To make the hat, start by scoring the fold lines, and then glue the two ends together as shown here, basically folding the part double (but only apply glue to the glueing tab!)

step 19

Then fold over the triangular flap and glue it to the side of the hat.

step 20

For the next step, it's very important that the glue has had enough time to dry sufficiently.

Gently press the two ends of the flat hat together, and the bottom will open up and become circular. If you spilled any glue and the inside is stuck together, use a toothpick to gently pry them apart.
If the glue isn't dry yet, the glueing tab and flap will probably come loose (but you can just try again after glueing it back together again and waiting a little longer this time ;o)

step 21

This way, you can glue it on top of the driver's head.

The parts for the gunner (parts 37-48) go together much the same as the ones for the driver, save the fact that the gunner is in a standing position instead of sitting down.

Blue Moon Recon

The jeep will be very cramped for space when you try to put in the driver and gunner. I managed by taking of the steering wheel, putting in the driver, and then glueing back the steering wheel. Take your time, and you will manage it as well!